

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“ ”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“~~—~~”) being deleted:

1. (Previously Presented) A bookmark for use with a book, said bookmark comprising:
a thin, flat, rectangular body having two long and two short edges;
an indicator or indicators each comprising a thin, flat collar in frictional contact with the rectangular body wherein the indicator or indicators are movable up and down the rectangular body to direct the attention of a reader to a particular point or points in a text; and
a thin, flat, rectangular tab formed by two parallel cuts and a lower cut displaceable out of the rectangular body in such a region that the bookmark may be restrained by hooking it over the top of a page;
wherein the or each indicator is formed by cutting or punching blanks from sheets of material, each blank having two, parallel cuts of such a length that the rectangular body may be interlaced with the indicator or indicators and wherein each of the two parallel cuts curve inwardly for a short distance near their ends thus forming opposing frictional bearing surfaces upon which the long edges impinge.
2. (Original) A bookmark as claimed in claim 1, wherein the parallel cuts forming the two sides of the tab also curve inwardly so that the bookmark rests securely on the page selected.

3. (Currently Amended) A bookmark for use with a book, said bookmark comprising:
a thin, flat, rectangular body having a periphery defined by two long edges and two short edges;

an indicator comprising a thin, flat collar in frictional contact with the rectangular body, wherein the indicator is movable along a length of the rectangular body to direct attention of a reader to a line of text of the book to which the bookmark is attached; and

a thin, flat, rectangular tab defined by two opposing cuts and a lower cut, the rectangular tab being displaceable out of the rectangular body in such a region that the bookmark may be restrained by hooking it over the top of a page;

wherein the indicator is formed from a sheet of material, the indicator having a front side, a back side and two cuts extending from the front side to the back side, the two cuts being located within the periphery of the indicator such that the collar is defined by a contiguous frame of the sheet material that surrounds the two cuts, the two cuts being of such a length that the rectangular body is interlaced with the indicator such that the rectangular body extends from the front side of the indicator, through a first of the cuts to a back side of the indicator and then through a second of the cuts to the front side of the indicator;

wherein each of the two cuts incorporates a curve located at each end thereof thus forming curved tabs that operate as opposing frictional bearing surfaces upon which the long edges of the rectangular body impinge; and

wherein the curve located at each said end of the first of the two cuts extends inwardly toward the corresponding curve located at each said end of the second of the two cuts.

4. (Previously Presented) The bookmark of claim 3, wherein, when the rectangular body is interlaced with the indicator, the curved tabs are located such that at least a portion of the rectangular body is positioned between each of the curved tabs and the front of the indicator.

5. (Previously Presented) The bookmark of claim 3, wherein each of the two cuts has an intermediate portion located between the curved tabs, and the intermediate portion of the first of the two cuts is parallel with the intermediate portion of the second of the two cuts.

6. (Canceled)